

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) A video server which is connected to a plurality of control terminals via a first transmission path, and which is connected to a plurality of display terminals via a second transmission path, the server comprising:

a first reception unit configured to receive a video request from a first one of the plurality of control terminals via the first transmission path, wherein the video request comprises video designation data designating video data to be displayed on a display terminal, display terminal designation data designating a display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying [[a]] the first control terminal that transmitted the video request;

a generating unit configured to generate first confirmation data based on the received video request, and appending a destination address corresponding to the designated display terminal to the first confirmation data;

a confirmation data transmission unit configured to transmit, via the second transmission path based on the appended destination address of the designated display terminal, the first confirmation data generated by said generating unit to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, and to cause the display terminal to display the first confirmation data;

a confirmation data reception unit configured to receive second confirmation data from [[a]] the first control terminal which transmitted the video request received by the first reception unit, wherein the second confirmation data is input in the first control terminal by a user who confirms the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, and to receive second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second confirmation data;

a comparison unit configured to compare the first identification data received by the first reception unit with the second identification data received by said confirmation data reception unit, and to compare the first confirmation data transmitted by said confirmation data transmission unit with the second confirmation data received by said confirmation data reception unit to confirm that the user has designated the correct display terminal; and

a video data transmission unit configured to transmit, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if both of the comparisons by said comparison unit result in a match,

wherein if either comparison by the comparison unit does not result in a match, the video data designated by the video designation data is not transmitted to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data.

39. (Currently Amended) A server according to claim 38, wherein the first confirmation data is generated based on a position where the display terminal designated

by the display terminal designation data is located, and is comprised of a character string that includes location information and reception time information of the video request.

40. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 38, wherein the first confirmation data is a reception identification number assigned to video data designated by the video designation data.

41. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 40, wherein the reception identification number has a format of a video signal, and

a communication path via which said confirmation data transmission unit transmits the reception identification number to the display terminal is the same as a communication path via which said video data transmission unit transmits the video data to the display terminal.

42. (Previously Presented) A server according to claim 38, wherein the first confirmation data is a random number generated upon receiving the video request.

43. (Currently Amended) An information transmission method for a video server which is connected to a plurality of control terminals via a first transmission path, and which is connected to a plurality of display terminals via a second transmission path, the method comprising the steps of:

a first reception step of receiving a video request from a first one of the plurality of control terminals via the first transmission path, wherein the video request

comprises video designation data designating video data to be displayed on a display terminal, display terminal designation data designating a display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying [[a]] the first control terminal that transmitted the video request;

a generation step of generating first confirmation data based on the received video request, and appending a destination address corresponding to the designated display terminal to the first confirmation data;

a confirmation data transmission step of transmitting, via the second transmission path based on the appended destination address of the designated display terminal, the first confirmation data generated by said generation step to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, and causing the display terminal to display the first confirmation data;

a confirmation data reception step of receiving second confirmation data from [[a]] the first control terminal which transmitted the video request received by the first reception step, wherein the second confirmation data is input in the first control terminal by a user who confirms the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, and receiving second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second confirmation data;

comparing the first identification data received by the first reception step with the second identification data received by said confirmation data reception step, and comparing the first confirmation data transmitted to the display terminal by the confirmation data transmitting step with the second confirmation data received from the control terminal by the confirmation data reception step to confirm that the user has

designated the correct display terminal; and

a video data transmission step of transmitting, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if both of the comparisons in said comparing step result in a match,

wherein if either comparison by the comparison step does not result in a match, the video data designated by the video designation data is not transmitted to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data.

44. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 43, wherein the first confirmation data is generated based on a position where the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data is located, and is comprised of a character string that includes location information and reception time information of the video request.

45. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 43, wherein the first confirmation data is a reception identification number assigned to video data designated by the video designation data.

46. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 45, wherein the reception identification number has a format of a video signal, and

a communication path via which the reception identification number is transmitted to the display terminal is the same as a communication path via which the video data is transmitted to the display terminal.

47. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 43, wherein the first confirmation data is a random number generated upon receiving the video request.